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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/61/103, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, during its current session, to confirm the reappointment by the Secretary-General of two persons to fill vacancies in the Investments Committee resulting from the expiration, on 31 December 2006, of the terms of office of Fernando Chico Pardo (Mexico) and Khaya Ngqula (South Africa).

2. In accordance with the provisions of article 20 of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the Secretary-General, after consultation with the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, submits for confirmation by the General Assembly the reappointment of Fernando Chico Pardo and Khaya Ngqula for three-year terms of office beginning on 1 January 2007. Mr. Chico Pardo is the President of Promecap, S.C., in Mexico City and has served on the Investments Committee since 1996. Mr. Ngqula is the President and Chief Executive Officer of South African Airways in Johannesburg, South Africa, and has served on the Committee since 2005.

3. J. Y. Pillay, who has served on the Investments Committee since 1997, has indicated, unfortunately, that he is not available to serve another term. The Secretary-General, after consultation with the Pension Board and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, also submits for confirmation by the General Assembly the appointment of Emilio J. Cárdenas (Argentina) as a regular member for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2007. Mr. Cárdenas has served the Committee as an ad hoc member since 1999. He is the Co-Chairman of the Human Rights Institute and former Executive Director, HSBC Argentina Holding S.A., in Buenos Aires.

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4 In accordance with past practice, the Secretary-General proposes to reappoint Afsaneh Beschloss (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Ivan Pictet (Switzerland) as ad hoc members for one-year terms beginning on 1 January 2007.

5 The curricula vitae of the appointees for confirmation and the ad hoc members are set out in the annex to the present document.

Annex

Curricula vitae

Fernando G. Chico Pardo (Mexico)

Career

Fomento de Investigación y Cultura Superior A.C. (FICSAC), President, 2005 to date

Grupo Aeroportuario del Sureste S.A. de C.V. (ASUR), President, 2003 to date

Promecap, S.C., Founder and President, 1997 to date

Grupo Financiero Inbursa, S.A. de C.V., Partner, Chief Executive Officer, 1993-1997

Inversora Bursátil, S.A. de C.V. Casa de Bolsa, Partner and Chief Executive Officer, 1983-1992

Acciones y Asesoría Bursátil, S.A. Casa de Bolsa, Founder and Chairman, 1980-1983

Mocatta Metals Corporation (Latin America representative) and Standard Chartered Bank (Representative of Mexico), 1978-1980

Mocatta Metals Corporation (New York) and Standard Chartered Bank (London), Director of Metals Procurement, 1976-1978

Salomon Brothers, New York, Financial Analyst, 1976 (2 months)

Bank of America NT and S.A., New York, Marketing Assistant, 1975 (2 months)

Anderson Clayton, A.C. (Houston, United States of America), Assistant to the Auditor, 1972 (2 months)

Organizacion Bimbo-Marinela, Assistant to the Director of Finance and Planning, 1972-1974

Associations

Board member

Grupo Financiero Inbursa

Grupo CARSO

Sanborns

Sears Roebuck de México

Grupo Posadas

ASUR

Charity board member

Fundación Mexicana para el Desarrollo Rural A.C.

REINTEGRA (Fundación Mexicana de Reintegración Social A.C.)

Mano Amiga

Fundación Javier Barros Sierra A.C.

FOVASO (Fondo Valle de Bravo Solidaridad)

Papalote Museo del Niño

Asociación Amigos de la Catedral Metropolitana de México

Instituto Mexicano de Desarrollo Sustentable (Universidad Iberoamericana A.C.)

Prensa y Democracia México A.C.

FICSAC (Universidad Iberoamericana A.C.)

Promotora de Servicios Rurales

UIAC (Universidad Iberoamericana A.C.)

Education

Northwestern University, MBA, 1974-1976

Universidad Iberoamericana, Business Administration, 1969-1974

Personal

Date of birth: 15 February 1952

Nationality: Mexico

Khaya Ngqula (South Africa)

Career

South African Airways — President and CEO, October 2004 to date

Mittal Streel SA, South Africa — Non-Executive Chairman of the Board — current

Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa (IDC) — Managing Director, February 1997-October 2004

Norwich Unit Trusts — Managing Director, 1996

South African Breweries (SAB Miller) — District Sales Manager

IBM, New York, 1981

Associations

President, African Airlines Association — 2005

Cricket World Cup Organizing Committee, South Africa — 2003

Member of SABC Rugby World Cup Board — 1995

Board Member of Financial Services Advisory Board, Unit Trust of South Africa

Founder member, shareholder and Director — Worldwide African Investment Holdings

Education

University of Fort Hare, South Africa — Bachelor of Administration

University of Fort Hare, South Africa — Honorary Doctorate of Commerce — 2002

Wits Business School, South Africa — Executive Development Programme

Personal

Date of birth: 2 January 1956

Nationality: South Africa

Emilio J. Cárdenas

Career

Co-Chairman, Human Rights Institute, 2005 to date

Lecturer, Louisiana State University Law School, January-February 2005

Visiting Professor, University of Michigan Law School, January-May 2004

Former Executive Director, HSBC Argentina Holdings S.A., March 1996-2003

President, International Bar Association, 2003-2004

Board of Editors, The Journal of International Economic Law, Oxford University, 2000

Academic Director of the Graduate Course on Economy and Business for Lawyers of the "Fundación Libertad" and the Argentine Catholic University (Rosario)

Vice-President, International Bar Association, October 2000-2002

Secretary-General of the International Bar Association, September 1998

Personal Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General to Iraq, November 1997

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations, September 1992-March 1996

Non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, 1994-1995

Chairman of the Sanctions Committee for the former Yugoslavia, 1995

Vice-President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, 1995

Ambassador to Dominica and Guyana, 1993-1996

Senior Partner at Cárdenas, Cassagne & Asociados, 1966-1992.

Associations

Director of GPU Emdersa S.A. Argentina

Member of the Board of Directors of: HSBC Argentina Holdings S.A.; HSBC Bank Argentina S.A.; HSBC-La Buenos Aires Seguros S.A.; HSBC-New York Life (Argentina) S.A.; HSBC Máxima S.A. AFJP; HSBC Salud (Argentina) S.A.; Chevron San Jorge S.A.; and Edenor S.A.

Member of the Board of the Argentine Banking Association (ABA)

Professor of Law, University of Buenos Aires, Catholic University of Argentina and University of Illinois (United States of America) (until 1992)

Former Member of the Board of Directors, Bank of New York S.A., Banco Frances S.A., Michelin Argentina S.A., CIAMAR S.A., Ellerstina S.A., The Exxel Group S.A.

Former President of the Banking Association of the Argentine Republic (ABRA) (foreign banks), 1988-1992

Education

University of Buenos Aires Law School, 1964

University of Michigan Law School, MCL

Princeton University, 1965

University of California (Berkeley), 1966

Personal

Date of birth: 13 August 1942, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Nationality: Argentina

Afsaneh Beschloss*

Career

President and Chief Executive Officer of The Rock Creek Group, Washington, D.C.

Treasurer and Chief Investment Officer, the World Bank, Washington, D.C.

Senior Manager of the Derivatives and Structured Products Group and Fixed-Income Portfolio Manager, the World Bank, Washington, D.C.

J.P. Morgan, New York and London

Shell International Group Planning, London

Professor of international trade, Oxford University

Associations

Member, Board of Trustees of the Ford Foundation

Chairman of the Investment Committee of the Ford Foundation

Board of Trustees of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

Member of the Investment Committees of Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Sesame Workshop, Urban Institute and AMB Property Corporation

Member of the Board of Directors of Temple-Inland, Inc.

Education

Oxford University, Master of Economics

Personal

Date of birth: 28 July 1955

Nationality: Islamic Republic of Iran

* Ad hoc member

Ivan Pictet (Switzerland)*

Career

New York — 2 years with Morgan Stanley

Joined Pictet & Cie in 1972

Managing partner of the Group, with responsibility for general strategy matters, regional responsibility for Japan, Northern Europe and the Russian Federation and particular responsibility for investment advisory services of the bank for 24 years

Associations

Former President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Geneva and the Foundation for Geneva

President, the Geneva Financial Centre and the Geneva Private Bankers' Association

Education

Baccalaureate, College of Geneva (1963)

Attended the Law Faculty, University of Geneva

Graduated in 1970 — Business School of Administration of St. Gallen, Switzerland

Personal

Date of birth: 8 March 1944, Geneva

Nationality: Switzerland

* Ad hoc member